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SUBJ: NCNA INTERVIEW WITH FORMER TAIWANESE POLITICIAN CHEN I-SUNG

1. IN AN APPRENT TUNING UP FOR THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 1947 TAIWANESE UPRISING AGAINST NATIONALIST RULE, BOTH TA KUNG PAO AND WEN WEI PAO IN HONG KONG (FEBRUARY 26-27) HAVE FRONT PAGED A TWO-PART INTERVIEW BY NCNA WITH CHEN I-SUNG, FORMER TAIWANESE POLITICIAN WHO SURFACED ON THE MAINLAND IN FEBRUARY 1974 (1974 TAIPEI 1318 AND HONG KONG 2523). CHEN, WHO APPARENTLY REMAINED IN CHINA SINCE THEN, WAS CHOSEN AS DELEGATE TO THE 4TH NPC AND ELECTED TO THE NPC PRESIDUM.

2. CHEN RECALLS HIS HOPES IN 1945 WHEN TAIWAN WAS RETURNED TO CHINESE CONTROL AND HIS SUBSEQUENT DISAPPOINTMENT WITH KUMINTANG RULE, AS WELL AS HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE FEBRUARY 28 INCIDENT. WITHOUT MENTIONING US BY NAME, CHEN CONDEMNS THE FOREIGN CONTROL OF TAIWAN'S ECONOMY AND

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THE USE OF THE ISLAND AS A FOREIGN MILITARY BASE. HE RE-

LATES HIS EXPERIENCES AT THE NPC, HIS RATHER EXTENSIVE TRAVELS THROUGHOUT CHINA SINCE HIS RETURN, AND THE VAST PROGRESS THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE HIS PREVIOUS VISIT TO CHINA IN THE LATE 1940'S.

3. RE THE LIBERATION OF TAIWAN, HE REPEATS CHOU EN-LAI'S REMARKS IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE NPC. THE NCNA ARTICLES ALSO PROVIDE CONSIDERABLE STRESS TO THE PRC'S POLICIES REGARDING MINORITIES, WHICH, ALONG WITH EVERYTHING ELSE THE PRC HAS DONE, IS PRAISED BY CHEN.

4. GIVEN HIS STATUS AS THE MOST PROMINENT RECENT TAIWANESE DEFECTOR TO CHINA, WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT CHEN WILL PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THIS YEAR'S TAIWAN UPRISING CELEBRATIONS IN PEKING.

5. WE HAVE REQUESTED FBIS OKINAWA TO PROVIDE FULL TRANSLATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF THE NCNA ARTICLES.
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